



# WOMAN'S AUXILIARY

## TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

### SILVER ANNIVERSARY

On May 8, the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association was 25 years old. Forty-six charter members met on that date in 1929 at Coronado to organize an auxiliary and elect state officers. Our first president was Mrs. Henry S. Rogers of Petaluma. During her term of office, ten county auxiliaries were organized, and the total membership at the end of the first year was 472.

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### TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF PROGRESS

The original membership of 46 has grown to a grand total of 5,559, making California's the largest state auxiliary in the national organization. Recognizing that our steady growth and progress is owing to the wise leadership, the loyalty and devotion of our past presidents, we respectfully dedicate this first issue in CALIFORNIA MEDICINE to them:

1929-30	Mrs. Henry S. Rogers.....	Petaluma
1930-31	Mrs. James F. Percy.....	Los Angeles
1931-32	Mrs. Wm. H. Sargent.....	Oakland
1932-33	Mrs. Frank E. Coulter.....	Santa Ana
1933-34	Mrs. A. M. Henderson.....	Sacramento
1934-35	Mrs. Schuyler Doane.....	Pasadena
1935-36	Mrs. Thomas J. Clark.....	Philo
1936-37	Mrs. A. C. Thornton.....	San Diego
1937-38	Mrs. Hobart Rogers.....	Oakland
1938-39	Mrs. Clifford Wright.....	Los Angeles
1939-40	Mrs. F. N. Scatena.....	Sacramento
1940-41	Mrs. A. E. Anderson.....	Fresno
1941-42	Mrs. Harry O. Hund.....	San Rafael
1942-43	Mrs. F. G. Lindemulder.....	San Diego
1943-44	Mrs. C. C. Landis.....	Paradise
1944-45	Mrs. Ralph Eusden.....	Long Beach
1945-46	Mrs. Ralph Eusden.....	Long Beach
1946-47	Mrs. H. E. Henderson.....	Santa Barbara
1947-48	Mrs. Norman Morgan.....	San Francisco
1948-49	Mrs. L. K. Gundrum.....	Newport Beach
1949-50	Mrs. Raymond T. Wayland.....	San Jose
1950-51	Mrs. Wm. R. Molony, Jr.....	Los Angeles
1951-52	Mrs. Stanley R. Truman.....	Oakland
1952-53	Mrs. Raleigh W. Burlingame.....	San Diego
1953-54	Mrs. Carl Burkland.....	Sacramento

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### WE CONTINUE TO GROW

Last year we welcomed back into the state organization two county auxiliaries—Mendocino-Lake and Napa. Each unit had previously been organized twice, so we hope that "third time's a charm" holds true. Mendocino-Lake has 19 members, and Mrs. C. R. Kroeger of Ukiah is the president. Mrs. Harry Ehrlich is the president of the Napa Auxiliary, which has a paid-up membership of 26.

Santa Barbara County recently organized a northern branch in Santa Maria, with Mrs. Emmett N. McCusker as chairman. This branch now has 15 members, and nurse recruitment will be one of its first projects.

Los Angeles County has four branches—Long Beach, Pasadena, Valley and Southeast. Each of these branches carries on extensive projects of its own in addition to the work all do together as the Los Angeles County Auxiliary, which is, by the way, the largest county auxiliary in the nation. It has a membership of 1,471 and there are only 13 state auxiliaries with that many members!

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### CONTRIBUTIONS REACH ALL-TIME HIGH

Although we are not primarily a money-raising organization, we make generous contributions in money as well as time, as we assist our medical societies in their program for the advancement of medicine and public health.

Last year, under the capable leadership of Mrs. Carl Burkland, state president, our philanthropic donations reached a new high.

Mrs. Samuel Gendel of Fullerton, state chairman of the American Medical Education Foundation, reported a contribution of \$7,150 to this vitally important project. In helping to finance medical education, the Auxiliary is also creating good public relations; we are proving to the members of our home communities that physicians are raising their own funds so that the high standards of medical education can continue without federal aid.

Last year, the grand total from the Auxiliary to the American Medical Association was \$32,629.96. The amount will be considerably higher for the year ended June 30, 1954, since every state has been putting increased emphasis on this important project.

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**Physicians' Benevolence** is another of our projects which set a fine record during the past year under the chairmanship of Mrs. Charles J. Hart of Walnut Creek. Our donation was \$3,370, which goes into the Fund set up in 1940 by the California Medical Association. In his annual report to the C.M.A., Chairman Axel F. Anderson, M.D., said that the original goal of \$60,000 should be at least doubled in order to provide sufficient reserves. Our Auxiliary goal is \$1 per member, which will mean a check for more than \$5,000. Won't you help us, by encouraging the Auxiliary in your own county to expand its efforts for this worthy cause?

Mrs. FREDERICK J. MILLER, *President*